

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoichiro Ohta )  
Serial No.: 10/796,344 )  
Conf. No.: 1978 )  
Filed: 3/9/2004 )  
For: VACUUM PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS )  
Art Unit: 1792 )  
Examiner: Lund, Jeffrie Robert )

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed December 23, 2008, finally rejecting Claims 22-26.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$540.00 and any additional fees that may be required for this Notice to keep the Application pending, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,  
GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.

**Customer No. 24978**

March 23, 2009  
300 South Wacker Drive  
Suite 2500  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Telephone: (312) 360-0080  
Facsimile: (312) 360-9315

By

  
Joseph P. Fox, Reg. No. 41,760